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There is a good population of *Pediocactus winkleri* (Winkler Cactus) surrounding the mine. We completed formal section 7 consultation with the FWS in 1995. Our original Biological Assessment said we would remove the cactus and store for later planting in the rehabed area. FWS felt that this would have a low chance of cactus survival so the BA was modified to say that we would send cactus to herbariums and keep some for educational purposes. My records show that we have removed a total of eight cactus since the consultation was completed.

This was in response to an email requesting information about the plan for dealing with *P. winkleri*. The original plan said the operator would dig them up and try to preserve them, but it was apparently modified with no record going to Division files.

Paul Baker